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# Speeches Honoring Abraham Lincoln

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## L I N C O L N    D A Y

"Born in the humble cabin of the Hodgenville farm, Abraham Lincoln is the national exemplar of a land of equal opportunity. His life and his career reveal the fact that the seeds of greatness nourished in the soul of even the most lowly may germinate and develop to perfection in the atmosphere and environment of America. Abraham Lincoln, then, immortal in the hearts of his countrymen, is an inspiration to the men of today and of all time who possess noble aspirations and right conceptions of service. Neither he nor any other of the nation's great men of the past furnish any hope to the man without purpose or who assumes that his country owes him position without effort of his own in the service to his fellow men.

"We may not all be Lincolns, but we may follow his example to the extent of cherishing and cultivating the best that is in us, as did he. The emancipator of a race and the savior of this great Union, Lincoln still speaks from the battlefield of Gettysburg, bidding us to gather round the old standards and the fundamental principles of our nation, and to guard them jealously, in order that this "government of the people, by the people, and for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

"ROBERT LANSING."

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